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SUBJECT: SPECULATION ON VISIT TO US BY TENG HSIAO-P'ING

1. DURING APRIL 8 LUNCHEON IN HONOR OF MR. BUSH GIVEN BY ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR GAVRILESCU THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE LIGHT BANTER ABOUT A POSSIBLE TRIP TO THE U.S. BY VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-P'ING. IN A SIDE CONVERSATION, HOWEVER, ROMANIAN MINISTER-COUNSELOR DOROBANTU TOLD USLO OFFICER THAT ROMANIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAD REPORTED THAT THERE WAS WIDESPREAD SPECULATION WITHIN DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY THERE THAT TENG WOULD MAKE SUCH A VISIT TO THE U.S. PRIOR TO PRESIDENT FORD'S PROJECTED PEKING TRIP. LATER, DOROBANTU SUGGESTED THAT SUCH A VISIT MIGHT COME IN CONNECTION WITH SEPTEMBER SPECIAL UNGA SESSION.

2. COMMENT: WE REPORT THIS BECAUSE OF THE ASSIDUOUSNESS WITH WHICH THE ROMANIANS PROBED ON THE SUBJECT. WITH INCREASING TRAVEL BY PRC LEADERS, THERE IS GROWING INTEREST IN A POSSIBLE VISIT TO THE U.S. BY A SENIOR CHINESE OFFICIAL. WE EXPECT THAT WE MAY SEE MORE SPECULATIVE PRESS STORIES ON THIS SUBJECT.
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